



Message from the Director

Late last month, the State of Illinois was notified its request for federal assistance to help residents and businesses in 22 counties along the Illinois and Mississippi River recover from flooding has been denied. In a letter notifying the State of the denial, federal officials “determined the impact to individuals and households from this event is not of such severity and magnitude to warrant the designation of Individual Assistance.” This is a statement the State of Illinois passionately denies and thus, the State will appeal the decision of the federal government.

On August 28, the state submitted a request for two types of federal assistance: Individual Assistance to help people and businesses recover and Public Assistance to provide reimbursement to local governments for some of their disaster-related expenses. In his request, Governor JB Pritzker outlined more than \$69 million in direct losses, including over \$8.2 million in losses to individuals, damage to more than 1,400 homes and a direct impact to 2.1 million people.

Illinois’ proud and cherished river communities have experienced an unprecedented tragedy at the hands of Mother Nature. They deserve the resources that will allow them to rebuild and thrive. On behalf of the families of the seven people who died, the individuals who were forced from their homes, and the business owners who have feared for their economic viability, the State of Illinois will aggressively fight on your behalf.



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Federal Assistance Now Available to Help Local Governments Recover from Historic Floods

Governor JB Pritzker recently announced that the federal government approved his request for federal assistance so that local governments can access grants or loans to help with flood-related losses or costs incurred from battling this year's historic flooding.

Public Assistance is available in the following 27 counties: Adams, Alexander, Bureau, Calhoun, Carroll, Cass, Fulton, Greene, Hancock, Henderson, Henry, Jackson, Jersey, Knox, Madison, Mercer, Monroe, Morgan, Pike, Randolph, Rock Island, Schuyler, Scott, St. Clair, Stephenson, Union and Whiteside.

In addition to local governments, the disaster declaration also provides reimbursement availability to private non-profit organizations and houses of worship. Under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Stafford Act), FEMA provides financial assistance to certain private nonprofit (PNP) organizations for the repair or replacement of facilities damaged or destroyed by a major disaster. Additionally, houses of worship owned or operated by PNP organizations can apply for assistance if their facilities suffered damage during the declared flood event.

"The state is working closely with our local partners to ensure our communities have the information they need to apply for federal funding," said Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Acting Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. "In order for local governments, non-profits and houses of worship to receive reimbursement, the

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FEMA Public Assistance Application Deadline

proper paperwork must be turned by October 19th. If you have a question about eligibility, we urge you to contact your county emergency management office today, so you can complete the necessary paperwork before time runs out."

Under the Public Assistance program, FEMA awards grants to assist state and local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations with the response to and recovery from disasters. Under the guidelines of the PA program, local jurisdictions can be reimbursed for up to 75 percent of eligible costs. The program can provide funding for debris removal, implementation of emergency protective measures and permanent restoration of infrastructure. The program also encourages protection from future damage by providing assistance for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process. The state of Illinois will work with FEMA to manage the program and administer the funding.

SBA Disaster Loans Available in Northern Illinois

The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) has granted the State of Illinois a disaster declaration to help people and businesses in northern Illinois. The declaration stems from a storm system that moved through parts of Will and Cook counties on June 26 and resulted in torrential rain and severe flash flooding. The approved SBA disaster declaration makes low-interest loans available to homeowners, renters and businesses in Will and Cook counties, as well as the contiguous counties of Lake, McHenry, Kane, DuPage, Kendall, Grundy and Kankakee in Illinois and Lake County, Indiana.

SBA loans can help repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate. Homeowners and renters can apply for loans to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. Businesses and private non-profit organizations can apply for loans to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets.

A recent assessment revealed damage to more than 200 homes and 14 business. In all, that survey estimate shows more than \$3.6 million dollars in residential and commercial losses due to this weather event.



The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is **November 25, 2019**. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 26, 2020**. Any individual or business needing additional information, or wishing to apply for a loan, should contact the SBA Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955.

A Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) will be set up to provide additional information and loan assistance at Steger Community Center, located at 3501 Hopkins, Steger, IL. SBA representatives will be set up in the Student Conference Center, Room H-209. The hours of operation will be as follows:

Wednesday, October 2	9:00am – 6:00pm
Thursday, October 3	9:00am – 6:00pm
Friday, October 4	9:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday, October 5	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, October 6	Closed
Monday, October 7	9:00am – 6:00pm
Tuesday, October 8	9:00am – 6:00pm
Wednesday, October 9	9:00am – 6:00pm
Thursday, October 10	9:00am – 6:00pm
Friday, October 11	9:00am – 6:00pm
Saturday, October 12	10:00am – 2:00pm
Sunday, October 13	Closed
Monday, October 14	9:00am – 6:00pm
Tuesday, October 15	9:00am – 6:00pm
Wednesday, October 16	9:00am – 6:00pm
Thursday, October 17	9:00am – 4:00pm

Applicants may apply online using the Electronic Loan Application (ELA) via SBA's secure website at DisasterLoan.sba.gov. Loan applications can also be downloaded from www.sba.gov/disaster. Completed applications should be mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

News from FEMA: Brackemyer Graduates Executive Academy

Brian Brackemyer, Manager of Field Operations, graduated from FEMA's National Emergency Management Executive Academy at the Emergency Management Institute in Emmitsburg, MD, following his completion of the full curriculum that supports the advancement of the emergency management profession at strategic policy and executive leadership levels.

The Executive Academy instills emergency management leaders with a deeper understanding of contemporary and emerging emergency management issues, debates, and public policy. It provides insights, theories, tools and resources that enable decision-makers to think and act more strategically and to build capacity to protect against, prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all types of disasters.

The Executive Academy provides the opportunity to work collaboratively, share smart practices, and participate in exercises with other senior leaders facing similar challenges. FEMA's National Emergency Management Executive Academy is for senior executives at the pinnacle of their careers. It's the final phase of FEMA's Emergency Management Professional Program (EMPP).



Dr. Daniel Kaniewski, serving dual roles as Acting Deputy Administrator, and the Deputy Administrator for Resilience, Federal Emergency Management Agency, U.S. Department of Homeland Security is shown congratulating Brian Brackemyer as he graduates the National Emergency Management Executive Academy. Photo by Shane Gibbon / FEMA

The EMPP curriculum is designed to provide a lifetime of learning for emergency managers and includes three separate, but closely related, training programs including the National Emergency Management Basic Academy, the National Emergency Management Advanced Academy and the National Emergency Management Executive Academy.

Cook County Preparedness Fair

Region 4 staff recently participated in the Cook County Department of Homeland Security Emergency Preparedness Fair. This annual event took place on September 18 at Daley Plaza in Chicago. Keeping with the fair's theme, Disasters Don't Plan Ahead. You Can, Region 4 staff set up a display that educated attendees about the state's risks for earthquakes. Attendees were encouraged to explore the interactive video kiosk that features videos, audio clips, animations and a virtual reality tour of a home. The content provides information about earthquake hazards in Illinois, safety tips and more than 100 how-to videos that demonstrate methods for securing bookshelves, wall-hangings, water heaters and other household items, as well as personal preparedness tips that are essential during any disaster.



Illinois Host National Mass Care Exercise

This year, the annual National Mass Care Exercise (NMCE) was hosted at the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) in Springfield, August 26th- 29th and welcomed over 100 participants from an array of public and private sector agencies, including attendees from Louisiana, Mississippi, Indiana, Oregon and Florida. The NMCE is a four-day functional exercise that examines mass care-related recovery issues following a significant event. The purpose is to assist in the development of a state, tribe or territory's mass care and emergency assistance capabilities through partnership, coordination and collaboration, as well as serve as an opportunity to validate a state's mass care support plan. This year, as the host state, Illinois was provided the opportunity to test and improve its state-to-federal coordination system and integration of staff from mutual aid states, non-governmental organizations, faith-based organizations and the private sector into an effective mass care multi-agency coordination structure.

Throughout the week participants worked closely together in order to test recovery capabilities to the simulated catastrophic 7.7 magnitude earthquake in the New Madrid Seismic Zone (NMSZ). Primary recovery areas of focus included sheltering, feeding and reunification in four main time frames: 2-15 days, 15-30 days, and 60-90 days post-earthquake. Participants also tested operational coordination, economic recovery, health and social services, housing, mass care services, operational communications and restoring and stabilizing critical infrastructure systems.

This year marks the 7th annual NMCE since its inception in 2012. Over the years, the exercise has become a key component of national preparedness, providing stakeholders from across the whole community with the opportunity to shape planning, assess and validate capabilities and address areas of improvement.

"When FEMA agreed to conduct the National Mass Care Exercise in Illinois, I knew this would be a perfect opportunity to conduct an exercise that would not only test our plans, but would bring subject matter experts from around the country to provide input into improving our plans," said IEMA Region 8 Coordinator, Doug Downey.



October 2019 Training Schedule

IEMA Gaseous Effluent Monitoring System (GEMS)

October 1, 10, 15, 23 and 30

IEMA Knotts St. North GEMS Bay - Springfield

L449 ICS Train-the-Trainer

October 7 – 10

French Village Fire Department – Fairview Heights

MABAS-IL USAR Monthly Skills Training – Confined Space Rescue

October 9-10

NIPSTA Glenview, IL

MABAS-IL USAR Water Component Monthly Skills Training – Boat OPS & GPS

October 9-10

Busse Woods Cook County Forest Preserve – Elk Grove Village

AWR 328 All Hazards Preparedness for Animals in Disasters

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Ottawa

AWRD 332 Winter Weather Preparedness

October 16

Hanover Township Bldg. - Barlett

EOC MGT & Ops (G775)

October 23-24

Cambridge

PER 220 Emergency Response to Domestic Biological Incidents

October 23-24

St. Anthony's Health Center - Alton

AWR 147 – Rail Car Incident Response

October 26

Kinsman Community Building – Kinsman

Disaster Assistance Process

October 29

State Regional Office – Marion

HSEEP

October 30-31

North Palos Fire Protection District – Palos Hills

Debris Management Course

October 30

State Regional Office – Marion

Drop - Cover - Hold On!

The Illinois Emergency Management Agency is encouraging businesses and other organizations to participate in the Great Central U.S. ShakeOut on October 17, 2019, at 10:17 am. The goal of this “Drop, Cover and Hold On” drill is to draw attention to the earthquake hazard that exists in Illinois, across the country and around the world.

The annual ShakeOut is an international event involving millions of participants from more than 40 states and territories and several countries. To date, millions of people have registered worldwide, including more than two million people in the central United States.

Some of the worst earthquakes in the U.S. occurred during the winter of 1811-1812 when earthquakes

shook the Mississippi River Valley along the New Madrid Seismic Zone. The series of at least three magnitude 7 or greater earthquakes changed the landscape of the central United States. If an earthquake of similar magnitude happened today, their effects could have catastrophic impacts on national transportation, communication, utility and financial systems.

Do your employees or loved ones know what they would do to protect themselves if a major earthquake happened right now? As with tornadoes, fire and other threats, practice is essential. ShakeOut provides the opportunity to practice.

Participation in this drill is as easy as 1, 2, 3...

- 1. REGISTER** your organization on the ShakeOut website: www.ShakeOut.org/centralus. If this date and/or time will not work, a different date may be selected and registered on the ShakeOut website. Once registered, your point of contact will receive ShakeOut news and other information about earthquakes and preparedness.
- 2. INFORM** the members of your organization of your participation plans.
- 3. PRACTICE “DROP, COVER and HOLD ON”** on October 17, 2019, at 10:17 am. These are the recommended actions to take during earthquake shaking.

Additional earthquake preparedness and mitigation information is available on the following websites: <http://www.ready.illinois.gov> and <http://www.cusec.org>.

Get Ready to ShakeOut.

October 17, 2019 Register Now at www.ShakeOut.org



Fire Prevention Week: October 6-12

In a fire, mere seconds can mean the difference between a safe escape and a tragedy. Fire safety education isn't just for school children. Teenagers, adults, and the elderly are also at risk during a fire. That is why it is essential to take a community-wide approach to Fire Prevention Week.

The theme of this year's Fire Prevention Week is, "Not Every Hero Wears a Cape. Plan and Practice Your Escape!" The goal is to educate everyone about the small, but important, actions they can take to keep themselves and those around them safe.

In a typical home fire, you may have as little as one to two minutes to escape safely from the time the smoke alarm sounds. Escape planning and practice can help you make the most of the time you have, giving everyone enough time to get out.

A home escape plan should include working smoke alarms on every level of the home, in every bedroom, and near all sleeping areas. It also includes two ways out of every room, usually a door and a window, with a clear path to an outside meeting place (like a tree, light pole or mailbox) that's a safe distance from the home. Officials recommend that all members of the household should practice home escape plans twice a year. To learn more, visit fpw.org.

Did you Know?

Fire Prevention Week is observed each year during the week of October 9th in commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire, which began on October 8, 1871. The historic fire killed more than 250 people, leaving 100,000 homeless and destroyed more than 17,400 structures while scorching more than 2,000 acres of land. In 1925, President Calvin Coolidge proclaimed Fire Prevention Week a national observance making it the longest-running public health observance in our country.



October is National Cyber Security Awareness Month

From hacking, phishing and spamming, cybercrime a serious and growing global problem. Every day, criminals find new ways to steal valuable information from governments, businesses and individuals for financial gain or actions that could imperil our safety. During October, the Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA) is joining with county and municipal emergency management agencies to increase awareness of online risks and provide tips on what people can do to prevent problems and maintain the security of cyberspace.

"The widespread usage of computers, laptops, smartphones and tablets offers countless opportunities to connect with information and people around the world, but it also provides myriad opportunities for cyber criminals," said Alicia Tate-Nadeau, Acting Director of the Illinois Emergency Management Agency. "We want to help people understand the risks and provide simple ways they can reduce the chance of being a victim of cybercrime."

The Ready Illinois website at www.Ready.Illinois.gov provides links to information and tips to help people minimize the risk of being a cybercrime victim. Some of those tips include the following:

- **Configure your computer securely**
Use privacy and security settings in your software, email system and web browsers. Regularly update your anti-virus software to identify and thwart new strains of malicious software.
- **Keep software and operating systems updated**
Install all software updates as soon as they are offered; using the "auto update" setting is the best way to ensure timely updates.
- **Use strong passwords**
Cybercriminals use automated programs that will try every word in the dictionary in a few minutes. When creating a password, use at least 10 characters, with a combination of uppercase and lowercase letters, numbers and symbols.
- **Be cautious about links and attachments**
Even communications you receive that appear to be from friends and family may contain links to malicious sites, so be careful when clicking on links in those messages. When in doubt, delete it.

For additional cyber security tips, visit www.ready.illinois.gov.



IT Tests Disaster Recovery Plans in Mock WebEOC Failure

This month Senior IT Management, Operations, and other members of the IT support team met to participate in a four hour WebEOC training. The purpose of the training was to test the effectiveness of the IEMA Bureau of Information Technology/DoIT Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP). The scenario presented to the employees was that the WebEOC Server incurred an application failure during an event of an EOC activation. The group walked through remedial actions required to address such a failure and the timeline it would take to make the WebEOC server accessible and functional.

WebEOC is a web-based incident management system designed to allow users real-time information sharing, bi-directional data sharing and common workflows. WebEOC allows for sharing Daily Intel

information, situational awareness and resource requesting and deployment. IEMA and other state agencies, including the private sector, rely heavily on WebEOC during exercises and times of a disaster to share critical information, provide real-time situational awareness, request and deploy resources. The systems allows IEMA to coordinate response and recovery efforts and is also used in non-activation times for joint planning, training and exercises, and to share daily intelligence.

The WebEOC Failure training was the first of its kind, but will not be the last. Senior IT Management has future plans to do more WebEOC based training coupled with different applications or infrastructures being impacted.

“This exercise gave the team a closer to real life experience on what should be done if WebEOC data is corrupted and what should be done to recover,” said Sree Nair, IEMA’s Chief Information Officer. “The IT team will continue to identify area(s) that are critical and conduct recovery exercises in order to strengthen internal plans for potential future events.”



Right Place, Right Time. Illinois Nurse Saves Life of Hurricane Evacuee

This month Senior IT Management, Operations, and a Hurricane Dorian evacuee at the Red Cross evacuation shelter at Lavilla School of the Arts in Jacksonville, Florida.

As Cearlock was about to depart the shelter, one of the residents collapsed. She immediately responded and quickly realized that the collapsed resident was not breathing. "My world went really quiet ... I'm so sorry," were her thoughts she said, knowing that chest compressions could break ribs. "I began compressions and could hear ribs crunching. ... The shelter manager was standing behind me, and I could hear them praying," Cearlock continued.



Other workers arrived with an AED (Automated External Defibrillator). Cearlock hooked it up and found that his heart was beating and did not need to be shocked. Soon, local EMTs arrived and transferred him to a local hospital.

Cearlock is a former emergency room nurse for the U.S. Army and has 35 years experience as a pediatric nurse. She currently works at Deaconess Hospital in Evansville, Indiana. She used her vacation time to deploy with the Red Cross response to Hurricane Dorian. She has 10 grandchildren and is missed both her daughter and granddaughter's birthday while deployed.

Another Red Cross volunteer, Aaron Arrants, administered rescue breaths as Cearlock continued chest compressions. "After several rounds of compressions I could see that his face began to change to pink. Go, go, keep going, were my thoughts," Cearlock remembered.

She and her husband live on a farm in Southern Illinois. "I volunteer with the Red Cross because it centers me," she said. "We get so busy with our everyday lives, stepping out of my comfort zone centers me back to what I want to be."

Content provided by the American Red Cross

COMINGS & GOINGS at IEMA

NEW EMPLOYEE

- **Scott Kinsell**, Executive I, Finance
- **Tiffany Davidson**, NS Inspector I, DNS
- **Taylor Hendrickson**, NS Engineer I, DNS
- **Dustin Pezley**, NS Health Physics Tech I, DNS

PROMOTION

- **Adam Croy**, from OPS Staff Development Specialist to OPS Public Service Administrator
- **Brent Russell**, from NS Health Physics Tech I to NS Health Physicist I

SEPARATION

- **Kelly Turner**, Public Service Administrator, COS
- **Joe Galvin**, Senior Public Service Administrator, OPS

SEPARATION OTHER STATE AGENCY

- **Jon Pressley**, Disaster Services Planner, PG

2019 IEMA TRAINING SUMMIT

SEPTEMBER 3 – 5, 2019



Deputy Governor Christian Mitchell opens the 2019 IEMA Training Summit. Thanks EM professionals for their dedication keeping the citizens of Illinois safe.



Deputy Chief Keefe Jackson of Aurora Police Department reviews the lessons learned from the deadly workplace shooting at Henry Pratt Company in February 2019.



Chad Porter delivers a message of hope and determination for attendees at the 2019 IEMA Training Summit.

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Top: Alicia Tate-Nadeau moderates panel discussion about the status of school safety in Illinois.



Middle: Dr. Patrick Hardy, principal at Proviso East High School describes the need for mental health services, and for trained medical professionals to be embedded in Illinois schools.



Bottom: Tim Ferguson, FBI Assistant Special Agent in Charge, discusses his contribution to the Illinois Terrorism Task Force School Safety Working Group.

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Top: FEMA Region V Administrator James K. Joseph returns to Springfield to address emergency management professionals on the importance of critical lifelines during a disaster.

Bottom: The theme of the 2019 IEMA Training Summit was "Partnerships in Action." Attendees learned about the power of relationships during a disaster from our 2019 Flood Panel, featuring Quincy Mayor Kyle Moore, State Senator Jil Tracy, Adams County EMA Director John Simon and IEMA Regional Coordinator Bob Flemming.

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Breakout Session: School Reunification Drills: Next Level School Safety Preparedness



Breakout Sessions: How to Contain Crises in Today's Viral World (left) and Safety Enhancements since TIM, Chernobyl and Fukushima Accidents (right)

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Breakout Session: STOP the Bleed (Bleeding Control Basics)

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IEMA Training Summit Social Event at Abraham Lincoln Presidential Museum

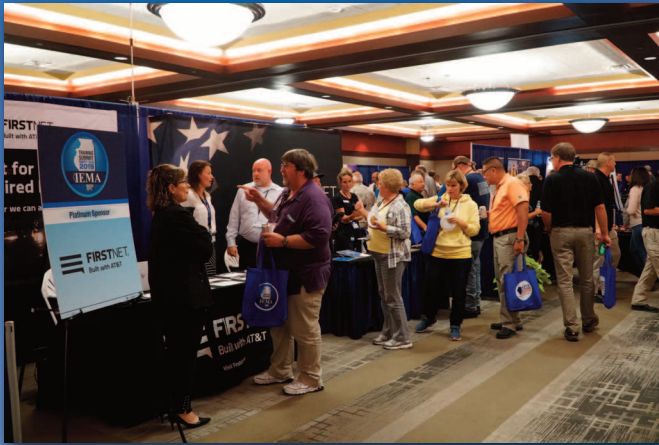


IPEM/PDS Awards Recognition Ceremony

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Vendor Networking Reception



Partnerships in Action at the IEMA Training Summit



Former FEMA Administrator Brock Long addresses attendees of the 2019 IEMA Training Summit discussion the future of emergency management.



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